



District of Columbia
Interagency Council on Homelessness



ERSO Committee
February 24, 2021

Meeting Agenda



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 - b. Vaccine Update
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Administrative Updates



- ❖ Welcome Reggie!
- ❖ Calendar Updates:
 - Delete all calendars except the one from the ICH email (ich.dmhhs@dc.gov).
 - If you do not have the ICH Calendar invitation, email lindsay.curtin@dc.gov.
- ❖ Notes and Reminders

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District vaccine distribution

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

DC IS NOW VACCINATING:

As of 2/17/21

- Individuals who work in health care settings*
 - Members of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department
 - Residents of long-term and intermediate care facilities and residents of community residential facilities/group homes
 - DC residents who are 65 years old and older*
- Individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Members of the Metropolitan Police Department
 - Teachers and staff who are, or will be, working in person at a DCPS school or a DC public charter school
 - Department of Corrections Employees & Residents
 - Continuity of Government Operations personnel
- Licensed Child Care Providers & Teachers and Staff of Independent Schools in DC
 - Grocery Store Workers*
 - Health and human services and social services outreach workers*
 - Individuals working in manufacturing*
 - Individuals working in food packaging*

**populations that are able to make appointments through vaccinate.dc.gov or by calling the Coronavirus Call Center (when appointments are available)*

[CORONAVIRUS.DC.GOV](https://coronavirus.dc.gov)

February 17, 2021



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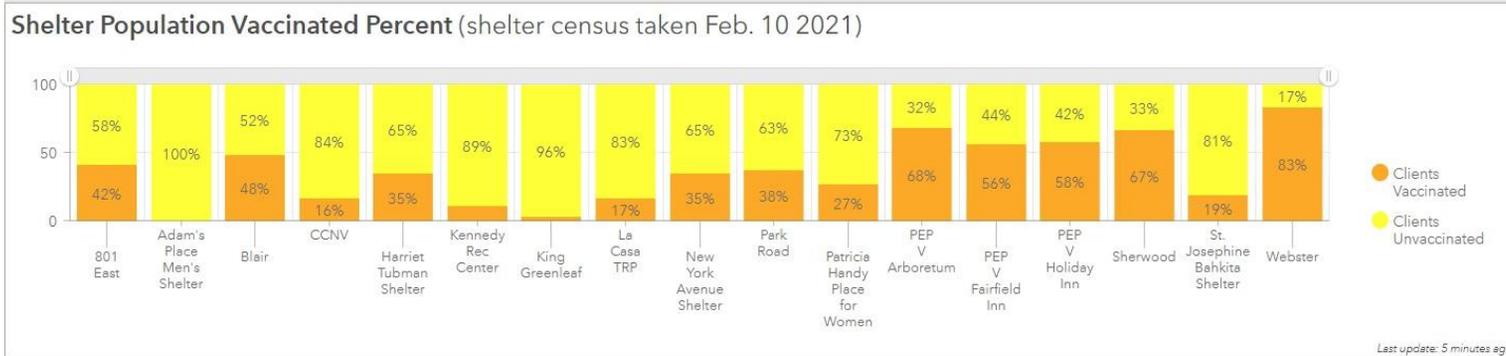
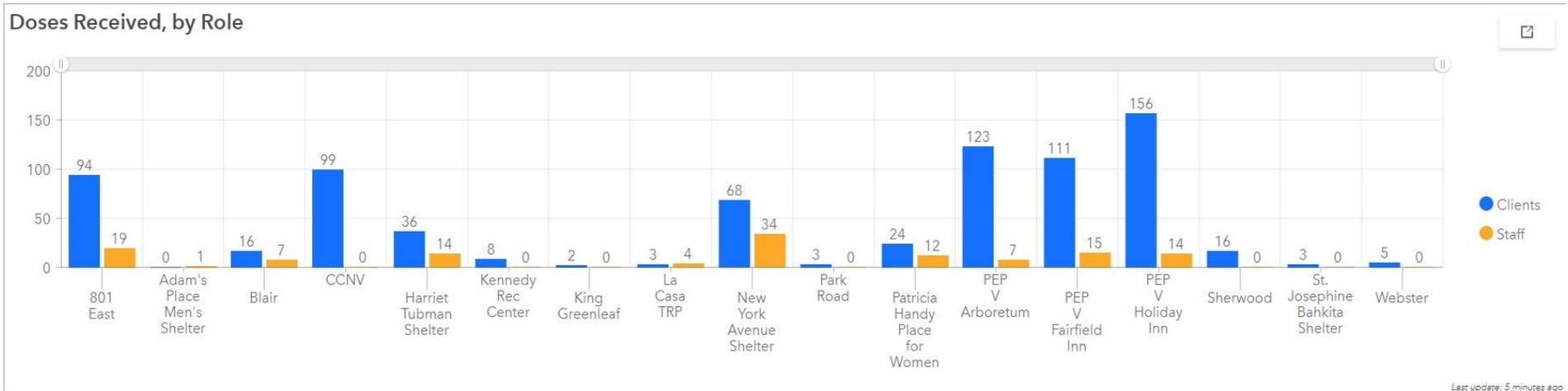
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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

- To sign up: coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc
- Additional Information: coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine

1st Dose Vaccine Rollout Updates

- ❖ PEP-V
 - 425 doses
- ❖ Low Barrier Shelters
 - 640 doses
- ❖ As of 2/23
 - 1065 doses administered and 0 waste

1st Dose Vaccine Rollout Updates



Total People Vaccinated

965

Includes one and two doses

Updated as of 2/19/21

This information is updated regularly at <https://dhs.dc.gov/storyboard>

Timeline for 2nd dose vaccine rollout at LBS & PEP-V

Week of 3/1	PEP-V sites (Holiday Inn, Fairfield, Arboretum)
Week of 3/8	801 East, CCNV, Pat Handy (Hypo and Transitional Programs)
Week of 3/15	New York Ave, Harriet Tubman, St. Josephine's (Hypo and Transitional Programs)
Week of 3/22	Adams Place and Central Union Mission (Hypo and Transitional Programs)
Week of 3/29	Begin Weeks 9-16 rollout (unsheltered individuals, additional transitional, youth, DV, and family programs)

Dependent on availability of vaccines and necessary supplies and staff, and subject to change

Vaccine Engagement Efforts

- **Town halls**
 - Client education and pre-registration
- **Provider Calls**
 - Sharing vaccine information
 - Addressing vaccine misconceptions
 - Preparing for vaccine events
 - Discussing provider roles
- **Focus groups**
 - Working to better understand client needs/concerns
- **Peer Educators**
 - Credible messengers to support communication efforts
- **Materials for use**
 - <https://dhs.dc.gov/page/resources-homeless-service-providers>

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Update: COVID-19 Peer Educator Program



Pictured: Francwa Sims (left) & David Durham (right), COVID-19 Peer Educators

1st Cohort

- Total interviewed: 41
- Total selected: 28
- Total dropped out: 2
- Completed training as of 2/24: 24
- Training to be completed this week: 2

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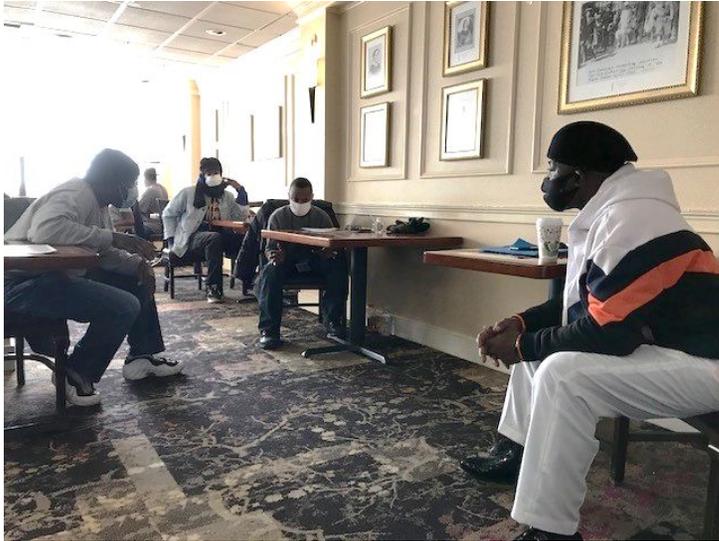
Training Highlights

- 20 hour training hosted by DHS & DC Health
- Extremely impactful
- 100% of participants indicated they felt prepared after training & it was helpful



Pictured: Jasmine Garnes, COVID-19 Project Manager

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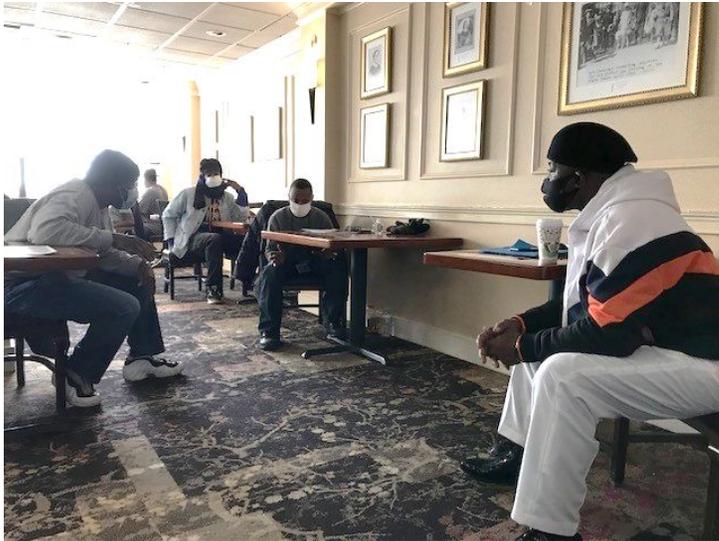


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Initial Outcomes

- 96% passed the final exam
- Over 50% have received the vaccine
- 9 people fit criteria for rapid rehousing
- 18 peers completed SNAP E & T assessment; 5 people have followed up
- 100% of Peers Report training gave the knowledge and information needed to be an effective COVID-19 Peer Educator in shelter.
- All of the peers have begun engaging with other shelter residents

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Other Outcomes

- Connections to the ICH Consumer Working Group
- COVID-19 Vaccine Video
- Possible NBC Story
- Valuable discussion and recommendations

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Capital Improvement Updates



801 East

- Construction:
 - DGS started construction this fall.
 - The Design Build Team has received all building permit approvals except for DC Water and DOEE.
 - Anticipated completion date is Winter 2021 /22
- Employment
 - Meeting with contractor to finalize event dates
 - Prep meetings will be scheduled before the contractor comes on site
 - Goal of hiring in April

Capital Improvement Updates Con't



Pat Handy

- ❖ Clients will be temporary relocated to 1009 11th Street- former youth hostel.
- ❖ Relocation is expected to take place Early to Mid March, 2021
- ❖ Design is expected to take 10 months.
- ❖ Construction is expected to take 6 months after award of construction contract.

Capital Improvement Updates Con't



NYA

- ❖ DGS has identified potential site for New York Ave Replacement Shelter and is awaiting approval.
- ❖ DGS has prepared solicitation for design.
- ❖ As soon as DHS receives approval, DHS will partner with ICH to start community engagement in order to receive recommendations from stakeholders.

Capital Improvement Updates Con't



Harriet Tubman Shelter

- ❖ DGS has identified potential site for new Harriet Tubman Replacement Shelter and is awaiting approval.
- ❖ DGS is preparing solicitation for design.
- ❖ As soon as DHS receives approval, DHS will partner with ICH to start community engagement in order to receive recommendations from stakeholders.
- ❖ Date for opening of New Facility is TBD.

Capital Improvement Updates Con't



Emery

- ❖ Demolition and Abatement work has been completed.
- ❖ Sitework is ongoing at the rear of building.
- ❖ Anticipated completion is June/July 2021.

Blair

- ❖ DCRA Building Permit has been obtained.
- ❖ Construction will begin after Emery is completed and after clients have been relocated from Blair to Emery.
- ❖ Construction duration is 7 months.

Capital Improvement Updates Con't



Ward 1 STFH- The Terrell

- ❖ Contractor has completed all major interior and exterior work.
- ❖ All building inspections have been completed.
- ❖ DHS anticipates opening of facility to clients in April of 2021.

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Trends/Notes



- I. Continued to engage in daily wellness checks and comfort items distribution.
- II. Noted some increase in number of on-demand transports.
- III. More clients refusing to go to shelter during morning and afternoon hours. Most transports occurring during evening and overnight.

Workforce ArcGIS Application



I. Introduction

- a. UPO Shelter hotline/DHS (CSON) outreach providers
- b. Goals of the App (current data tracking)
- c. Process Workflow i.e. (Days + hours referrals are assigned to outreach/referral type categories/UPO dispatchers + mobile users/UPO only assignments/referral response time)

II. Where We Are Now

- a. Implementation of the app i.e. (hypothermia season/when referrals began being assigned to outreach providers)
- b. Areas of success
- c. Areas of growth (future data initiatives)

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